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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/654,951
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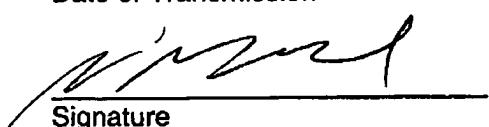
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Serial No.: 09/654,951) Examiner: Cheung, Mary D Z W
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Title: A METHOD FOR AUDITING A DATABASE AND SYSTEM FOR
 CARRYING OUT SUCH METHOD

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated September 22, 2004 finally rejecting claims 1-32.

Pursuant to MPEP 1208.02, no fee is believed due as the fee for a Notice of Appeal and for the filing of an Appeal Brief were previously paid in this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1885.

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